Amendments to the Claims

- 1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of forming shaped structures on a device plate (2, 20) comprising applying a photosensitive layer (6, 19) to said plate, and forming the shaped structures on the photosensitive layer in a photolithographic process using a grey-tone photo mask (7, 21) which comprises at least one region of semi-transparent material (8, 16, 18) said material having a degree of transparency which is dependent on the optical band gap of the material.
- 2. (ORIGINAL) A method according to claim 1 wherein the material regions used in the grey-tone photo mask are hydrogenated silicon-rich silicon nitride SiNx:H with x less than 1.
- 3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to elaim 1 or 2 claim 1 wherein, prior to forming of the shaped structures in the liquid crystal display cells, the method further comprises the steps of forming the photo mask (7, 21) including:

depositing a layer of said semi-transparent material to form said region of semi-transparent material (16) on a UV-transparent substrate (15);

patterning said semi-transparent material; depositing a layer of UV-opaque material (17)-onto the substrate; and patterning said layer of UV-opaque material.

- 4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 3, including:

 depositing a layer of a second semHransparent material (18) having a

 different degree of transparency to the first material, where the degree of transparency
 is dependent on the optical band gap of the material, to form a second region of semitransparent material (18) on said UVtransparent substrate; and

 patterning said second semi-transparent material.
- 5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 4 including patterning once again said layer of UV-opaque material-(17).

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- 6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to elaim 3, 4 or 5claim 3, wherein the UV-opaque material (17)-is Cr.
- 7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to any preceding claim claim 1 wherein said photo mask is used in said photolithographic process so as to produce an irregular surface topography for a diffusely reflective pixel electrode of a liquid crystal display.
- 8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 7 wherein said surface topography for said diffusely reflective pixel electrode of the liquid crystal display has multiple levels of thickness.
- 9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to any preceding claim claim 1 including forming an a AMLCD including the device plate.
- 10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A liquid crystal display device fabricated by a method as claimed in any preceding claim 1.
- 11. (ORIGINAL) A mask configured for use in a method as claimed in claim 1.